

REMARKS

The above-referenced patent application has been reviewed in light of the Notice of Allowance referenced above. This amendment is being submitted along with a Request for Continued Examination. Claims 1-25 are pending in the present application. Claims 1, 2, 8, and 10-12 are currently amended. New claims 13-25 have been added. No new matter has been presented. Consideration of the above-referenced patent application in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested. Assignee gratefully acknowledges the Examiner's allowance of claims 1-12.

Assignee respectfully asserts that the above amendments correct minor typographical errors and do not alter the scope of claimed subject matter. For example, Assignee has amended paragraph [0001] to correct a minor grammatical informality by adding the word "a." For additional example, Assignee has amended the title, specification, claims, and abstract to correct a minor typographical error by changing the phrase "charge couple device" to "charge coupled device." In addition, Assignee has amended claim 8 to delete extra spaces within the claim. For further example, in claims 10-12 the word "method" has been deleted and the word "apparatus" has been added, so that dependent claims 10-12 more accurately follow the format of the claims from which they depend. Assignee respectfully asserts that no new matter has been presented by these amendments. Assignee further asserts that in some instances, the above amendments broaden the scope of Assignee's claimed subject matter.

New claims 13-25 have been added to the present application. Assignee respectfully asserts that new claims 13-25 also patentably distinguish over the documents cited by the Examiner. Accordingly, Assignee respectfully requests allowance of new claims 13-25.

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The Examiner's statements of reasons for allowance are hereby acknowledged by Assignee. Assignee agrees that the claimed subject matter is patentably distinct from the documents cited by the Examiner; however, Assignee takes no position regarding the reasons for allowance presented by the Examiner, other than the positions Assignee may have previously taken during prosecution of the above-referenced patent application. Therefore, the Examiner's reasons for allowance should not be attributed to Assignee as an indication of the basis for Assignees' belief that the claims are patentably distinct. Furthermore, it is respectfully asserted that there may also be additional reasons for patentability of the claimed subject matter not explicitly stated in this record. While in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.104(e), a failure by the Assignee to disagree with the Examiner, or file more detailed comments, does not give rise to any implication that the Assignee agrees with or acquiesce in the reasoning of the Examiner, here, by this document, Assignee is expressly making clear that no such agreement or acquiesce is present.

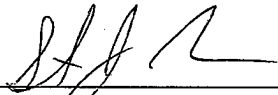
CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully asserted that all of the claims pending in this patent application are in condition for allowance. If the Examiner has any questions, he is invited to contact the undersigned at (503) 439-6500. Reconsideration of this patent application and early allowance of all of the claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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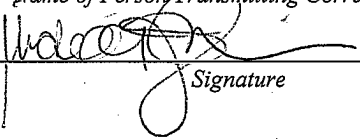
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